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LETTER EXPLAINS PRESIDENT'S AIM TO DRAFT BILL.

Wilson Writes at Length to
Representative Helderling
of Kansas.

VOLUNTEER PLAN NOT ABANDONED

With Need for 600,000 Men, President
Points Out There Is Ample Room
of Enthusiasts to Voluntarily
Offer Services to Army.

Washington, April 19.—As one step
toward leading opposition in con-
gress to administration army plans,
President Wilson today sent a letter
to Representative Helderling, of
Kansas, explaining what is meant by
selective draft and expressing the
earnest hope that the bill pressed by
the war department will be passed.
The letter said in part:

"Our object is the mobilization of
all the country's resources for the
nation, and their development to the
highest point of co-operation and ef-
ficiency.
"The idea of selective draft is, that
those should be chosen for service in
the army who can be better spared
from prosecution of other activities
which the country must engage in,
and to which it must devote a great
deal of its best energy and capacity.
"The volunteer system does not do
this. When men choose for them-
selves, they sometimes choose without
regard to their other responsibil-
ities. Men who come from the
farms or the mines or the factories
or the centres of business, ought to
stand back from the armies, to see
that the people of the country are
sustained in the meantime.
"The principle of the selective draft,
in short, has at its heart this idea,
that there is a universal obligation to
serve and that a public authority
should choose those upon whom the
obligation of military service shall
rest, and also, in a sense, use those
who can do the best in the nation's
other work. Those who feel we are
turning away altogether from the vol-
untary principle, seem to forget that
some 600,000 men will be needed to
fill the ranks of the regular army and
the national guard, and that a very
great door for individual enthusiasm
lies wide open."

Chairman Dent of the house com-
mittee formally presented today the
report of his committee in amended
form, authorizing the president to call
for volunteers increment of 500,000
and providing for the selective draft
only after the volunteer plan has
failed.

Representative Kahn of California,
ranking Republican member of the
committee, who will be one of the
principal administration spokesmen
in the fight in the house, had a long
conference with war department of-
ficials today on the measure.

COMPLETE MUSTERING OF FIRST REGIMENT

About 1,100 Men Now in Regiment,
and Orders Expected for Patrol
Duty in East or Panama.

Little Rock, April 19.—The muster-
ing of the First regiment was com-
pleted yesterday at Fort Logan H.
Roots. There are approximately 1,100
men in the regiment, in all branches
of the service. In the physical ex-
aminations, only 255 men were lost,
a considerable smaller proportion
than was lost last summer. When
the regiment was mustered out re-
cently there were 632 men in the or-
ganization. Now that the regiment is
mustered into the service it is ex-
pected that it will be ordered into
the service of the government for pa-
trol duty in the East or in Panama,
or some other point in the near fu-
ture. The second regiment is ex-
pected to be called out soon.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES NO SUBBOATS HERE

Berlin, April 19, via London.—It
officially was announced that there
is no submarine as yet in the west-
ern part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows:
"The Reuter telegram regarding
an attack by a German submarine on
the American Destroyer Smith can be
described only as a frivolous means
of attributing to Germany the open-
ing of hostilities. No submarine is
yet in the western half of the At-
lantic."

The Weather

Friday showers and thunderstorms,
colder; Saturday fair.

President Menocal and His Military and Naval Staffs



PRESIDENT M. MENOCAL, MILITARY AND NAVAL STAFFS.

President Mario Garcia Menocal, of the gallant little Republic of Cuba, surrounded by his military and naval staffs. Cuba is prepared to place at the disposal of the United States an army of 30,000 thoroughly trained and equipped troops for service with the American forces that are to be sent to France. Cuba's declaration of war against Germany was brought about solely because of her strong feeling of sympathy and admiration for the United States and in return for our aid in the Cuban war for independence.

NO INTERFERENCE FOOD SHIPMENTS BY GOVERNMENT

Administration Will Pre-
vent Teutons Only From
Getting Supplies.

Washington, April 19.—In any pol-
icy that may be adopted to regulate
exports of food supplies during the
war, the American government has
no intention to interfere with ship-
ment of supplies to European or other
neutral nations, except where Ger-
many is likely to receive it.

This was learned today after min-
ister Dan Rappard of the Nether-
lands had conferred with President
Wilson on the subject. Representa-
tives of other neutral European
countries have displayed anxiety, as
a result of the entrance of the United
States into the war, and the expecta-
tion that congress would authorize
the president to place embargoes on
exports.

MRS. GUERNSEY ELECTED PRESIDENT GENERAL, D.A.R.

Vigorously Contested Campaign Re-
sults in Her Entire Ticket, Defeated
Last Meeting, Sweeping Into Office.

Washington, April 19.—Mrs. George
Thatcher Guernsey of Kansas was
elected president general of the
Daughters of the American Revolution,
for the next three years tonight,
over three opponents by a majority of
58 on the first ballot.

Mrs. Guernsey received 677 votes.
Mrs. George B. Squires of Minnesota
263, Mrs. John S. Horton of New
York 235, and Mrs. James Hamilton
Lewis of Illinois 121.

In one of the most vigorously con-
tested fights in the history of the
society, the entire ticket headed by
Mrs. Guernsey, defeated at the last
election by Mrs. Wm. Cummings
Story, was swept into office.

GOVERNOR ISSUES CALL TO CITIZENS TO GIVE SERVICE

Little Rock, April 19.—In view of
the crisis now confronting the na-
tion, Governor Brough has issued a
proclamation calling upon all citizens
of the state, men and women, to en-
list in the league for service. He
says:

"Therefore, I do earnestly appeal to
every individual to arouse himself to-
ward the consciousness that our nation
is at war; and I further urge every
community to organize its entire citi-
zenship for the greater glory of the
nation and for making productive
every field of patriotic endeavor, in
this great world struggle for liberty,
democracy and humanity's cause."
The governor says, further:
"It behooves us to heed the pres-
ident's words of counsel and appeal
and let us by concerted and united
action, being actuated in this by the
spirit and zeal of the forefathers, in-
dorse his every word and all plans
that our congress is now making."

CARMEN WILL BUY \$100,000 WAR BONDS

Kansas City, Mo., April 19.—The
executive board of the Brotherhood
of Railway Carmen decided here late
yesterday to purchase \$100,000 worth
of the proposed federal war bonds.
The bonds would be purchased from
funds of the union, it was stated, as
a manifestation of the loyalty of the
workers composing the organization.

SLACKERS CANNOT EVADE SERVICE THRU MARRIAGE

War Department Order
Says Newlyweds Will be
Treated as Unmarried.

Washington, April 19.—Men of
military age who have married since
a state of war against Germany was
declared will not escape their obli-
gation of military service, under a
war department policy formally an-
nounced today.

The statement follows:
"The war department announces
that all men married since the out-
break of war will be treated upon the
same basis as unmarried men, in so
far as their military obligations are
concerned. It is desired that the ut-
most publicity be given to this an-
nouncement."

The department was moved to this
action so that all men might under-
stand exactly what is contemplated
in the organization of an army to
fight Germany. It was desired that
there should arise no question of
"slackers" upon the score of mar-
riage contracted since the outbreak
of war, with the possible construction
that the marriage, in any case,
was hastened to evade military duty.
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SENTRY RETURNS FIRE OF MEXICAN SNIPERS

Gen. Bell Says Will Court-
martial Soldier Who Does
Not Return Fire.

El Paso, April 19.—Snipers, who
fired at an American sentry stationed
at the viaduct in the suburbs of this
city, were fired upon in return by a
squad of United States soldiers late
today. One Mexican was seen to fall
after the volley had been fired across
the border.

When Mexican Consul Bravo reported
the affair to Brigadier General
George Bell, Jr., he was informed
the American sentry had been fired
upon and had obeyed orders in re-
turning the fire.

"I have ordered the outposts to
shoot to kill, when fired upon," he
said, later. "I will courtmartial the
man who fires across the border first,
and I will also courtmartial the one
who fails to return the fire, when he
is fired upon."

URGING PROHIBITION AS WAR PROPOSITION

Washington, April 19.—Democrats
of the house, in caucus today, agreed
to consider at the extra session, only
such war and general legislation as
may be recommended by the pres-
ident.

National prohibition, being urged
by its advocates as a necessary war
measure, may be included under this
list, but unless President Wilson rec-
ommends it, it will not be taken up.
It is also possible that the rivers
and harbors bill, embracing such
proposed improvements as are deemed
essential by the war department for
national defense, will be passed.

Opinions differ as to whether the
president will recommend prohibition
as a war measure. One of the plans
suggested by Secretary McAdoo for
providing revenue was to raise the
tax on liquors.

EAGLES' DANCE.
Dance under auspices Fraternal
Order of Eagles, Tuesday, April 24,
Eagles' hall. Music by Ashford's
orchestra. Dancing starts at 9 p. m.
4-5-15t

FREIGHT RATES ARE INCREASED TENTATIVELY

Interstate Commerce Com-
mission Will Begin Hear-
ings on Matter Today.

Washington, April 19.—All railroads
were today granted tentative permis-
sion by the interstate commerce com-
mission to file supplemental tariffs,
increasing freight rates 15 per cent,
effective June 1 next. The order is
tentative, subject to recall or change
by the effective date.

In this way the commission puts
the issue squarely before the rail-
roads and shippers in definite form.
Hearings will open tomorrow, at
which each side will have opportunity
to state its views, and full investiga-
tion is likely before the commission
issues its final findings.

Shippers from all parts of the coun-
try have signified their intention of
opposing an increase of 15 per cent,
which the railroads claim is impera-
tively necessary if they are to con-
tinue to operate profitably and to
meet soaring cost of supplies, equip-
ment, fuel and general wage ad-
vances under the Adamson law and
otherwise.

The commission issued an order to-
day permitting an increase to apply
tentatively on all through rates that
are lower than rates to and from in-
terstate points, which effects towns
and cities in the intermountain terri-
tory especially. The order permits
a horizontal raise on all rates. All
commodities are included, with the
exception of those on which the roads
have signified that application for
specific increases will be asked.

Exception also was made to propo-
sed increased rates on southern lines,
on coal and coke. Further exceptions
are based on terminal charges,
charges for demurrage, weighing,
transfer, reconignment, refrigeration,
relicing, storage, elevation, or other
special service, on which no
advance is sought.

PORTO ALEGRO FIRE STILL SPREADING

Rio Janeiro, April 19.—The fires
started during attacks on German
property in Porto Alegre, which have
resulted in large losses, have spread
to buildings owned by Brazilians. The
minister of war today telegraphed to
the commander of the federal troops
in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, in
which Porto Alegre is situated, to
place at the disposal of the governor
all his forces amounting to about 7-
400 men.

APPOINTED RECEIVER.

New York, April 19.—Former Gov.
Benj. H. Odell and Former United
States Judge George B. Pope, late to-
day were appointed receivers for the
Aetna Explosives company, incorporated,
an \$18,000,000 corporation, which
has been engaged in manufacturing
munitions for the entente allies since
1914. The court directed the receivers
to continue the business and to
furnish bonds of \$25,000 each.

NORWAY AROUSED WHEN SHIP SINKS

London, April 19.—The torpedoing
of an unnamed Scandinavian steam-
ship, with the loss of all on board, ex-
cept Captain Karstein Olsen, is re-
ported in a Reuter dispatch from
Christiania. The captain says the sub-
marine rose to the surface after the
torpedo had been fired and saw at
least 20 persons drowned without of-
fering assistance. The Norwegian
correspondent comments bitterly on
this incident.

Several machines have been inven-
ted in England to exercise the fingers
of persons other than musicians to
make them supple.

CUBAN PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESS FOR BOND ISSUE

Proposes Thus to Pay Ex-
penses of Revolution and
of War With Germany.

Havana, April 19.—President Men-
ocal, in a long message to congress,
asked authorization for a \$30,000,000
bond issue. He proposed to use the
money to pay indemnities for losses
caused by the revolution and for ex-
penses of the war with Germany and
co-operation with the United States.

The president gave a long list of
articles on which he proposed a re-
venue stamp tax to pay the interest
of the issue. He suggested that such
bonds could be used as part collater-
al on a loan from the United States
government, if needed. The list in-
cludes stock exchange operations,
commercial paper, bills of retailers
and ship clearance papers.

The message declared that Cuba,
"is not a lukewarm ally, which re-
jects sacrifices and begrudges efforts
to aid the common cause."

COLUMBIA COLLEGE DEAN WORKS FOR \$1 A MONTH

Frederick P. Keppel Accepts Position
as Assistant Secretary of War, by
Appointment Secretary Baker.

Washington, April 19.—Secretary
Baker today announced the appoint-
ment of Frederick P. Keppel, dean
of Columbia university, as an assist-
ant secretary of war, with the indefi-
nite assignment of advising and aid-
ing the secretary, with the nominal
salary of \$1 a month. Mr. Keppel
is a Republican, a lawyer and is wid-
ely known in college circles. He vol-
unteered to serve in any capacity for
the war without pay.

Mr. Keppel is secretary and treas-
urer of the American association for
international conciliation and a chev-
alier of the Legion of Honor of
France. He is 42 years old and lives
in New York.

Mr. Keppel will take over some of
Secretary Baker's work, which has
increased enormously through a big
correspondence, a multitude of re-
quests for conferences and the neces-
sity of making personal trips of in-
spection to various parts of the coun-
try. It has been physically impos-
sible for him to attend to all, even by
spending nearly every night at his
office and assigning certain duties to
his assistants.

VILLISTA TROOPS REPORTED ROUTED

Juarez, April 19.—Villa forces and
government troops clashed at San
Miguel, Monday afternoon for the
first time in the campaign against
Villa by General Francisco Murguia,
according to an official message re-
ceived here today.

One hundred Villa soldiers are re-
ported to have been killed, 200 horses
captured and Villa troops routed by
cavalry. Colonel Solas, five other of-
ficers and a number of de facto sol-
diers also are reported killed.

SIX ARE KILLED IN FILM BLAZE

Indianapolis, April 19.—Six persons
were killed, and four others slightly
hurt, as a result of a fire thought to
have been caused by an explosion of
moving picture films in the office of
a film exchange in the Colfax office
building and apartment house in the
downtown district here tonight.
Forty persons were in the building
and a score were hurt as they rushed
out.

HINDENBERG LINE CRUMBLES BEFORE ALLIES' ATTACKS

French Continue Assaults
Along Lengthy Front,
With Steady Success.

FRESH GERMANS ARE UNAVAAILING

Twelve New Divisions, Thrown Into
Fray, Cannot Stem Tide of Victory
by Gen. Neville's Forces—Many
Prisoners and War Booty.

(Associated Press Summary)
The southern part of the Hinden-
berg line in France continues to
crumble or fall back before the forces
of the French General Neville. Thurs-
day witnessed additional important
gains by the French at numerous
points from Soissons eastward to old
Champagne, and also the capture of
men and guns.

In the latter region, northwest of
Aubervie, the French captured strongly
fortified German trenches on a
front of 1-4 miles and took 150 pris-
oners.

Northeast of Soissons, the villages
of Aisy, Jouy, Lassus and Fort Bonde
were captured by the French. While
to the east near Hurediz, another
point of support fell into their hands
and with this, 500 prisoners and two
cannons. Violent artillery actions are
in progress between the Somme and
the Oise, in Champagne, near Le Mort
Homme, in the Verdun sector, and in
Belgium, around Dinmude.

The French war office reports that
Wednesday night the Germans threw
12 divisions of fresh men into the fray
between Soissons and Aubervie, in
an attempt to hold General Neville's
forces back, but that their efforts
were unavailing.

Berlin's official statement says the
Germans counterattack northwest of
Aubervie, "compensated for the
enemy's gain of terrain." It is ad-
mitted by Berlin that the Germans
near Ville aux Bois retreated to new
lines, being unable to withstand the
intensity of the French fire.

Comparative quiet prevails on that
part of the line in France held by the
British.

While the Berlin war office an-
nounces that the activities on the
eastern front has consisted merely of
rifle firing and scouting operations,
reports from Petrograd, said to have
been made public by the Russian gen-
eral staff, are to the effect that Ger-
mans on northern part of the Rus-
sian front, backed by their fleet, are
preparing for a great attack on Rus-
sian right wing, probably with the in-
tention of attempting to isolate Pet-
rograd from the main Russian army.

Considerable fighting is taking
place in Macedonia, with the Teutonic
allies the aggressors. Attacks in the
Cerna river region, and between
Lakes Orida and Presba, according to
Paris, were both repulsed.

Violent artillery duels are taking
place in the districts of Monastir and
Parsvena Stena, and on the right bank
of the Varda near Mayacac.

Reciprocal artillery fighting also is
in progress in the Austro-Italian re-
gion of Corrida and in the Legerina
valley. Several minor engagements
have been fought, the decision resting
with Italians, according to Rome.

The British house has been in-
formed by Andrew Bonar Law that an
announcement would soon be made of
further losses to British hospital
ships. Whether the vessel was sunk
by a submarine was not stated.

In connection with the report that
a German submarine has been seen
off the American coast, an official
statement in Berlin says there is no
submarine "as yet" in the Western
part of the Atlantic.

HARRISON WILL HANDLE RAILROADS IN WARTIME

Defense Committee of Railway Asso-
ciation Completes Plan and Per-
sonnel of Its Management.

New York, April 19.—Complete or-
ganization of the railroads as a na-
tional system for co-operation with
the government, together with the ad-
ministrative personnel appointed to
have charge of operations, was an-
nounced here today by the special
committee on national defense of
American Railway association.
Fairfax Harrison, president of the
Southern railway and chairman of ex-
ecutive committee, is to serve as
chairman of the general committee.

TRUSTEES MEET TODAY.
Discussions of the proposed park-
ing and paving of Fourth avenue and
the erecting of the new auditorium
will be the principal subjects at the
regular luncheon and business meet-
ing of the trustees of the Chamber of
Commerce at the Hotel Pines today
noon. City officials and the city coun-
cil will be guests of honor.

FOOD DICTATOR LIKELY OUTCOME PRESENT STATUS

Congress Will Get Measure
Today—Chicago Storage
Plants Filled.

GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE FIRM GRASP

Plan Not Disclosed in Detail, But Will
Give Administration Authority
to Distribute Food at Reas-
onable Prices.

Washington, April 19.—Legislation
to give the government a firm grasp
on food control will be introduced in
congress tomorrow.

Power will be asked for the govern-
ment, not only to supervise produc-
tion but to insure a fair supply of
food in every part of the country, at
reasonable prices. Details of the
plans are not known, but it is be-
lieved it will virtually establish a
food censorship.

The situation, officials realize, pre-
sents one of the most serious prob-
lems the country will have to meet.
The United States faces not only feed-
ing its own population from small re-
serves and poor crop prospects, but
supplying as far as possible the allies' needs.

Storage Houses Full.

Chicago, April 19.—With food prices
mounting daily on the ground of
scarcity, investigators learned today
that storage houses are stocked to
the roofs with stores of hitherto un-
approached magnitude.

The bulk of the product consists
of sugar, rice, canned goods, coffee
and other non-perishables.

Ownership of these goods is not
confined to regular dealers and brok-
ers, but in many instances to men in
other lines, who have taken a flyer
in food.

RICH COMPLAIN SUGGESTED TAX IN CONFISCATION

House Ways and Means
Committee to Study Big
Revenue Measure.

Washington, April 19.—With party
lines obliterated, the entire mem-
bership of the house ways and means
committee tomorrow will begin con-
sideration of efforts for raising re-
venues with which to meet war ex-
pense.

The initial problem will be the rais-
ing of \$2,000,000,000, to meet the es-
timated cost of the first year of the
war. The committee also probably
will lay the groundwork for the col-
lection of such other parts of the war
cost as congress may determine in
some definite direction. The desire of
the administration is that as much as
possible come from taxation and it is
virtually agreed it will be about equal-
ly divided between taxation and
bonds.

Secretary McAdoo has suggested
the raising of about \$1,600,000 from
various sources, including income, ex-
cess profits, amusement, liquor, auto
and tobacco taxes. This will meet
strong objection, and already mem-
bers are receiving protests against
these suggestions, especially in rela-
tion to income and excess profits
taxes. Probably the most radical
suggestion was that a 40 per cent. tax
be levied on all incomes of over \$1-
000,000.

"This means confiscation," it is
said by persons of large incomes who
oppose.

It is believed the bill will be re-
ported within two weeks.

NAVAL COLLIER RAMMED AT SEA

Washington, April 19.—A naval col-
lier, the name of which was not dis-
closed at the navy department here
tonight, was beached in Hampton
Roads tonight, to prevent her from
sinking, after being rammed by
another vessel.

The collier now lies in water up to
her second deck, with a gaping hole
in her hull. Navy officials declare,
however, that she can be floated and
repaired quickly.

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without being extravagant. Se-
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